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record, recommendation of the organization commander (if prior service), and other similar reports or records. USAFA is authorized to make selections IAW SECAF guidance including but not limited to selection from among enlisted personnel and recruited athletes. Each applicant must:

- (1) Achieve satisfactory scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT).
- (2) Take and pass a medical evaluation administered through the Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Review Board (DODMERB).
- (3) Have an acceptable academic record as determined by HQ USAFA/RR. Each applicant must furnish a certified transcript from each high school or civilian preparatory school attended. Applicants should send transcripts to HQ USAFA/RR, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200, USAF Academy CO 80840-5025.
- (4) Take the Candidate Fitness Assessment.
- (b) HQ USAFA/RR oversees the holistic review of each viable candidate's record by a panel. This holistic review may include consideration of factors that would enhance diversity at USAFA, such as unique academic abilities, language skills, demonstrated leadership skills, foreign cultural knowledge, athletic prowess, flying aptitude, uncommon life experiences, demonstrated moral or physical courage or other performance-based factors.
- (c) HQ USAFA/RR also examines reports and records that indicate an applicant's aptitude, achievement, or ability to graduate from the HQ USAFA/PL in the selection process.
- (d) HQ USAFA/RR includes Preparatory School selection guidelines in the "Criteria and Procedures for Air Force Academy Appointment, Class of 20XX" (Contract) and submits for Superintendent approval.
- (e) For members of the Armed Forces and the National Guard, HQ USAFA/RR also considers letters of recommendation from applicants' unit commanders.

§ 903.4 Application process and procedures.

- (a) Regular and Reserve members of the Air Force must send their applications to: HQ USAFA/RR, 2304 Cadet Dr, Suite 200, USAF Academy CO 80840–5025, no later than 31 January for admission the following summer. Those otherwise nominated to the Air Force Academy must complete all steps of admissions by 15 April.
- (b) Regular and Reserve members of the Air Force must complete AF Form 1786 and submit it to their unit commander.
- (c) Regular and Reserve members of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, as well as members of the National Guard, must submit a letter of application through their unit commander.
- (d) Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets send their applications to HQ USAFA/RR and must apply to CAP National Headquarters by 31 January for nomination.
- (e) HQ USAFA/RR automatically considers civilian candidates for admission who have a nomination to the USAFA, but were not selected.

§ 903.5 Reserve enlistment procedures.

- (a) Civilians admitted to the HQ USAFA/PL take the oath of enlistment on the date of their initial in-processing at the HQ USAFA/PL. Their effective date of enlistment is the date they take this oath.
- (b) Civilians who enlist for the purpose of attending the HQ USAFA/PL will be awarded the rank of E-1. These cadet candidates are entitled to the monthly student pay at the same rate as USAFA cadets according to United States Code Title 37, Section 203.

§ 903.6 Reassignment of Air Force members to become cadet candidates at the preparatory school.

USAFA Preparatory School Enrollment for members selected from operational Air Force:

Selected Regular Air Force members at technical training schools remain there in casual status until the earliest reporting date for the HQ USAFA/PL. Students must not leave their training school without coordinating with HQ USAFA/RR.